MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the number of patients in the hospital.

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: About 130 and 50 in this building.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the number of cots provided ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: 37 cots are provided in the main building, but 50 patients are usually accommodated here.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Does the honourable member realise that there is not a complaint for want of accommodation in the Ophthalmic Hospital ?

PRESIDENT: There is a very chronic complaint about this.

The question whether Rs. 1,600 be granted under Supplementary Grant IX— Medical, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

X. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

MR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 1,050 for additional T. A. to the District Health Officers.

This amount was necessitated by the frequent tours done by the District Officers in connection with the outbreak of plague in Munnar, Alleppey and Quilon. This additional expenditure had to be incurred in the interest of efficiency of work. I therefore request the House that this amount may be granted.

The question whether Rs. 1,050 be granted under Supplementary Grant X—Public Health and Sanitation, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

XI. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Sir, I beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 69,700 for urgent works under the Town Planning Scheme in Trivandrum etc.

In moving this I may state that a sum of Rs. 1,99,000 was provided in the Budget for 1115. Out of this an amount of Rs. 1,00,000 was alloted for the construction of new Office Buildings which are being constructed near the Museum and in consequence funds for other urgent works like the shelcreting of the roads were not available. On the whole Rs. 2,60,000 is required to carry out the programme of works this year and as more than 50 per cent of this allotment were taken away by the construction of buildings it became difficult to provide funds out of it for the carrying out of urgent works. Out of this, however, a sum of Rs. 40,000 is available by diversion for the Town planning works. The additional grant required for the town planning

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